

**10- ATTACHMENT:** Chronological Event Summary**CHRONOLOGICAL EVENT SUMMARY**

The Martin Fire was reported October 23, 2007 at about 12:55 a.m.

Time frames are established by records, photographs, witness statements and notes. Some time frames are approximates.

**WEATHER*****October 22, 2007, 7:00 a.m., through October 23, 2007, 6:59 a.m.***

Lightning activity data was queried for October 22, 2007, 7:00 a.m., through 6:59 a.m. on October 23, 2007. No lightning activity was detected.

Source: Vaisala STRIKEnet® Report # 198271

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***October 23, 2007, 12:10 a.m., through October 23, 2007, 1:10 a.m.***

The Devore Remote Automated Weather Station (RAWS), located 1.65 miles west of the Martin Fire area of origin, reported a temperature of 71° Fahrenheit, 9 % Relative Humidity, and a north northwest wind speed of 19 miles per hour with gust up to 36 miles per hour on October 23, 2007 at 12:10 a.m., 45 minutes before the first report of the fire was received by San Bernardino City fire Department. At 1:10 a.m., the Devore RAWS reported a temperature of 72° Fahrenheit, 10 % Relative Humidity, and a northwest wind speed of 24 miles per hour with gust up to 42 miles per hour.

***October 23, 2007, 12:40 a.m.***

At or about 12:40 a.m., Southern California Edison (SCE) re-energized the circuit associated with pole # 2137612E, and the R.A.R. on the circuit opened (de-energized the circuit).

***October 23, 2007, between 12:30 a.m. and 12:45 a.m.***

W-7 SOARES' primary residence is at 7575 Martin Ranch Road. She also owns the house next door on the same side of the road at 7585 Martin Ranch Road, immediately south of her primary residence, and was at the 7585 location when the lights illuminated for less than one minute, and then the lights went out again.

***October 23, 2007, 12:50 a.m.***

W-7 SOARES returns to her home at 7575 Martin Ranch Road. She did not see any fire when she pulled into her driveway facing north. She went into her house, and a few minutes later, she went into her bedroom. She looked out her bedroom window and saw fire burning on the hillside behind her house, estimated the size as 60 feet long, and the wind was blowing hard with embers hitting the back of her house.

***October 23, 2007, 12:55 a.m.***

San Bernardino City police/fire dispatch center receives a 9-1-1 telephone report from W-7 SOARES reporting the fire. Their dispatch call record # F07102588 is created.

***October 23, 2007, 12:57 a.m.***

San Bernardino City police/fire dispatch call record # F07102588 has an entry at 12:57 a.m., which read "Edison also calling it in".

***October 23, 2007, 1:00 a.m.***

Fire units on the Cajon Fire begin responding to the Martin Fire.

***October 23, 2007, 1:03 a.m.***

CAL FIRE Incident Number CABDU011653 was created at 1:03 a.m. W-1 HANSLER responds and initial attacks the fire. He states the Santa Ana wind is 25 miles per hour with higher gusts, and the fire is approximately 15 to 20 acres upon his arrival. The fire is burning On Martin Ranch Road north of Meyers Road.

***October 23, 2007, 1:30 a.m.***

I was contacted by CAL FIRE emergency command center and assigned to investigate the Martin Fire.

***October 23, 2007, 1:31 a.m.***

San Bernardino County Fire Department Incident Number 07070388 was created and it reflected their resources began arriving at the fire at 1:01 a.m.

***October 23, 2007, 4:55 a.m.***

I cleared the scene of the Cajon Fire and responded to the Martin Fire.

***October 23, 2007, 5:40 a.m.***

I located a conductor on the ground with a Southern California Edison Employee just arriving at the scene. I identified myself to W-2 WARD and advised him I was a fire investigator and would be investigating the area for the fire's cause and origin.

***October 23, 2007, 6:00 a.m.***

I made contact with W-3 VERKCAIK who arrived at the scene and advised him I was a fire investigator and would be investigating the area for the fire's cause and origin.

***October 23, 2007, 6:07 a.m.***

I begin taking preliminary photographs of the area around the conductor lying on the ground, placed black and yellow colored hazard flagging around the conductor, and begin my preliminary investigation. Photograph numbers 1-1 through 1-99 were taken at the scene.

***October 23, 2007, 10:30 a.m.***

I completed my preliminary investigation and could not locate any SCE personnel. At the incident command post on Little League Road, I contacted Battalion Chief Mary Stock, who was the incident commander, and advised her she could allow Southern California Edison to make repairs to the downed conductor. She gives me a circuit map she had received from an SCE employee



***October 24, 2007, 3:00 p.m.***

I met CAL FIRE Investigator W-4 DEROSIER in front of 1701 Martin Ranch Road, and we used colored flags to mark different burn indicators. Photograph numbers 2-1 through 2-27 were taken.

***October 25, 2007, 9:00 a.m.***

I return to the scene with a metal detector, photographed two burned areas, and collected dirt samples. Photograph numbers 3-1 through 3-4 were taken, and evidence numbers 1 and 2 were assigned. W-5 DAVIGNON made contact with me at the scene and provided information regarding her electrical service and her evacuation.

***October 25, 2007, 11:15 p.m.***

The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department provided a helicopter, and I took aerial photos of the Martin Fire area of origin and the Cajon Fire area. Photograph numbers 4-1 through 4-31 were taken.

***October 25, 2007, 1:20 p.m.***

I returned to the Martin Fire area and canvassed the area for witnesses. W-6 KELLEY, W-7 SOARES, and W-8 EVANS provided information. I continue examining fire scene burn indicators, and then I document their locations and take pictures. Photograph numbers 5-1 through 5-45 were taken.

***October 30, 2007, 2:24 p.m.***

I spoke with W-9 PIMENTAL on the phone and he told me, according to information he had received from W-3 VERKCAIK, an R.A.R. opened after power was restored at about 12:40 a.m. In part he said "so, that is what I have so far, so that's probably what the ignition of that particular fire was. We had a conductor down, but we didn't know and when we energized that section, with the conductor on the ground, that's not a good thing to happen, and the winds were blowing like mad."

***February 25, 2008, 3:10 p.m.***

I take three pictures of the area surrounding the dome house from a position on Frontage Road parallel to Interstate-215 just west of Little League Road. Then I drive up to 1701 Martin Ranch Road and interview W-10 KELLEY. Photograph numbers 6-1 through 6-3 were taken.